Minutes of the Fourth Quarterly Assembly October 1999
North Florida Area Conference
Alcoholics Anonymous

1999 Theme " Moving Forward: Unity Through Humility"

October 3, 1999

Area Chair - Cecilia R. opened with the Serenity Prayer and Anonymity Statement. Micky R. read the Short Form of the Concepts.

Registrar - Jeff H. took Roll (see page 12). All group changes go to Registrar.

Secretary - Corliss G. asked for any changes to the October minutes.

- On page 6, under "Site and Agenda" report, change hosting District in April 2000 from District 1 to District 14.
- On Assembly Attendance page, make the following changes: DCM's from Districts 18A and 25 were present (changing the total for DCM's present to 29); Alternate DCM's from Districts 4 and 18B were present (changing the total for Alternate DCM's present to 15); thus changing the total number attending the Assembly from 179 to 183.
- On Assembly Attendance page, change the date from Saturday, April 3, 1999 to Sunday July 25, 1999.
- On the page for the Agenda for October 1-3, 1999, this is the Fourth, not the Third Quarterly Assembly.

Motion made to accept July minutes as amended and seconded. PASSED.

Treasurer - Ginny S. gave the Treasurer's report for July-September 1999.
You have received your quarterly report which is not complete. The correct complete report is attached to these minutes (Attachment A). (I have the correct report here this morning if anyone wants to come see it). The new computer has been purchased and is now in good working order. Thanks. I received a batch of donations that have been sent to Michael S., the previous Treasurer. I will continue to send postcards for all donations which have a return address, informing them of my address as Treasurer. I appreciate the many donations that came with the Group name and the District number. Please keep up the good work! If you find your group donation in the wrong District, please let me know and I will correct it. I misplaced the Chairperson's amended budget and, therefore, it will be added today for consideration. This is a $300 item. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Be sure to send all contributions to the Treasurer:
Ginny S.
PO Box 10104
Brooksville, FL 34603

Delegate - Kathy P. – Kathy thanked everyone for attending the Business Meeting. Past Delegates Dick G., Dan E. and Tom D. were recognized.

Kathy shared highlights from our General Service Office:

- Staff rotation was completed on September 13, with no interruption of service.
- Our "Learning Center" is up and running with interested and excited employees learning to use new software programs on their personal time before or after work.
- Greg M.'s (GSO General Manager) August trip to Russia and Finland was a moving experience and filled him with a new understanding of the obstacles and challenges that face the AA service centers as they try to be of maximum service to the AA groups in their respective countries.
- Greg said he was pleased that contributions continued to stay ahead of budget, 3.8%, to date. For the

six months-ended 6/30/99, the percentage of groups in the North Florida Area contributing was 44.2% in 1999, as compared to 42.7% in 1998.

- With regard to "Y2K", GSO will be totally compliant by 10/30/99.
- Panel 50 delegates are being elected now and will attend the General Service Conference with Kathy in April of next year.
- Poland celebrated their 25th Anniversary of AA and about 2,000 AA members from a dozen countries participated.
- Two Literature subcommittees were established to: 1) develop a draft copy of a pamphlet directed to the Black/African American alcoholic; and 2) to begin the task of replacing the pamphlet, "Time to Start Living."
- AAWS Services Committee discussed an Area's request to compile AA guidelines regarding AA's relationship to the Internet, and determined that it was too soon to develop guidelines on this subject. The Committee also reviewed a report on the proposal for a Special Needs pamphlet and agreed to continue to consider a pamphlet or service piece, and to also consider inserting Special Needs information into existing pamphlets, such as "The AA Group."
- AAWS Publishing Committee reviewed several mock-ups of new designs for certain book jackets. The Committee requested feedback on the suggestion to produce a Twelve Concepts Window Shade.
- The new membership survey is available. This is the pamphlet we use for the media. The survey indicates that over half of our fellowship has been sober in excess of five years.
- Kathy received information about group hotel reservations for the 2000 International Convention. If you wish to make 25 or more room reservations, contact the outside meeting planner, Talley Management Group, Inc. ((609) 423-7222, X218.
- The North Florida Area had an increase of 47 Grapevine subscriptions since September, 1999.
- Regarding Corrections, an informational letter has been sent to wardens, superintendents and correctional professionals and has already responded to approximately 250 requests for additional information. The Correction Committee asked that those involved with prison groups get the word out that there is a need for "longtimer" stories for possible inclusion in a proposed draft of "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell." There has been a marked increase in requests from inmates for free Big Books. Areas are encouraged to share with GSO how they can help with the increasing demand for free Big Books.
- GSO's AA Web site was accessed 61,972 times in August (this represents an average of approximately 1,999 hits per day).
- Since January 30, the Public Information desk has forwarded information on 21 anonymity breaks to area delegates. This committee has appointed a sub-committee to review existing PI literature for possible inclusion of text on anonymity at the level of the "Internet" and report back in October.
- Kathy reported that Chip R., the Archives Committee Chairperson, was unable to attend this Assembly but wanted to express his gratitude for the opportunity to attend the Archives Conference.
- Kathy attended the Special Forum in Puerto Rico – the report follows:

"My trip to Puerto Rico to attend the Special Forum was certainly more than I had ever anticipated. My husband, John, came with me and we arrived a few days early to be there for the Forum when it opened on Friday evening. We had two wonderful days of touring the forts on the island and Old San Juan. Thursday we went sightseeing and then late in the afternoon I talked to Tom G. (Alternate Delegate) after he arrived. Susan (from the General Service Office) also called and told me Cesar (Delegate from Puerto Rico) would be in the lobby at 5pm. Several of us (Tom G. – Alternate Delegate, Jack E. – Central Region Trustee and from Illinois – and his wife, Betty S – Southeast Regional Trustee, Susan U – from the General Service Office who attended the forum in Daytona, Barbara – from Pensacola) had a great dinner next door to the hotel and took off to Cesar's home group which was a Spanish speaking group. The meeting was on Tradition Two – we shared in English and they shared in Spanish. The meeting was an hour and a half long and we all had a great time.

"The next morning we toured Old San Juan with Tom G. and that kept us busy all day and by the time we returned to the hotel, Dick G. and his wife had arrived. That evening we had dinner with them, Greg (General Manager from GSO), Don (Delegate from Colorado) and Brenda and Norma from South Florida. It was a wonderful experience to hear Greg share his recent experiences from trips to the General Service Office in Hungary and Russia. It was an honor and privilege to share in such a wonderful

time and I know Tom felt the same way. That evening they had the opening meeting. It was very nice and we all enjoyed the meeting.

"The next day the Forum began with the opening session chaired by Betty S.; Cesar, the Delegate, shared greetings from Puerto Rico and thanked all of the Delegates, Alternates Delegates, Past Delegates and their spouses for coming. Elaine Johnson, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson of the General Service Board, gave a welcome and overview of the role of the Class A non-alcoholic trustee. Elaine explained the experience a Class A Trustee needed in the field of alcoholism and also the love of the fellowship that she has. Susan U. gave a presentation on special needs, as well as sharing her knowledge about her 25 years at the General Service Office. Danny M. from the GSO staff gave a report on participation at every level and about his role at the Spanish desk. Danny said he was striving to improve communication at every level. This was all in simultaneous translation so everyone could understand.

"Mary Pat gave the presentation on the Grapevine and told of the effort and enthusiasm that goes into producing this wonderful "meeting in print." Mary Pat thanked S. Florida for their contributions of La Vina for Cuba. At the Conference the Grapevine reported that this year we will enter the 5th year of La Vina's arrival and they will need to begin to be self-supporting. The message of recovery is in Spanish in La Vina and as many in Cuba cannot get the message through conventional means, subscriptions can be purchased by individuals, groups, districts, or areas and Mary Pat will get them routed to Cuba. This is also an important tool for correctional facilities in our state.

"Later in the day they had workshops on Unity and Principles over Personalities. They also had general sharing and ask-it-basket questions. After the coffee break they showed videos and PSAs like we do here at North Florida. More workshops – Anonymity (11th Tradition) and Self-Support. After dinner there were presentations by Jack O. on Public Information and Al P. from California shared on Correctional Facilities.

"Our last day of the Forum there were three speakers with over 30 years of sobriety and it was a nice closing to a great weekend. Everyone who was staying headed off to sightsee and we went for a great lunch before leaving for the airport. I can never thank you enough for the opportunity of attending this Forum. Thank you all for this experience and hopefully as I serve as your Delegate, I will be able to share with you parts of all I have learned from this experience. Love in Service, Kathy"

Alternate Delegate - Tom G. thanked everyone for the opportunity to attend the Forum in Puerto Rico. He had a wonderful time and learned a lot. Even though it was Spanish-speaking, it was language of the heart. Tom thanked Tony S., Dan E. and Jim H. of District 27 for bringing in bids from different hotels.

Tom discussed the area inventory pointing out that the purpose was to discover our shortcomings and try to correct them. He prepared 18 questions which were handed out (Attachment B). He asked that the DCMs get together with the GSRs and pick out the top 10 questions – or add any you may feel are important – and return to him by the end of November. He will tabulate, compile and we will carry forward with an inventory in January (see Attachment C).

Standing Committees

Accessibilities - Joe K., Chair – 8 in attendance.

Alternate Chair, Janice B.

Theme of the workshop: Carrying the Message to the Hearing-Impaired

Opened meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Bill A., from GSO Treatment Committee, called Joe K. in regards to a conference call between he, a treatment center and the Center for Independent Living, in regards to a court ordered deaf person. After many calls back and forth, it was decided to provide the Center with a video, ASL tape of the "Big Book" and several pamphlets.

Discussion on what materials are available to the blind/hearing impaired ensued. There is a need for large print materials from AAWS and Hazelton. Also, newsletters in bold print would be appreciated. It was suggested that all of our literature be reproduced on CD and/or DVD with pictures and signed with American Sign Language. It was announced that a table would be set up front and center at the Business meetings for the hearing impaired.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Cooperation with Professional Community - Don L., Chair - 18 in attendance.
Alternate Chair, Dale T.
Theme of Workshop: CPC Panel Presentation

- GSO sponsored a booth at the EAP convention at the Coronado in Lake Buena Vista on October 21-23.
- A letter from GSO – CPC wanted us to inform professionals about the GSO web site at www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.
- We then did a mock CPC panel presentation and a question and answer period. Discussion followed on how to answer some of these questions.

Corrections: Walter M., Chair - 41 in attendance.
Alternate Chair: Patrick P.

- Workshop opened with the Serenity prayer. Minutes of the North/South Workshop in Sarasota were handed out. A new North/South Corrections meeting will be held with Florida's new Secretary of Corrections in May. Details will follow as soon as available.
- The Chaplain of a workcamp in Perry has asked AA assistance in having AA run meetings in this Taylor County prison and a volunteer was found. AA meetings were being conducted by non-alcoholics up to now.
- A lively discussion was held following a request by AA members of Tomoka Correctional Institute to:
  1. Motion to have the outside GSR's who represent inside groups have a vote at the North Florida Assembly. Motion was seconded, voted upon and approved.
  2. Motion to have a separate table made available for the outside General Service Representatives to sit for the business meeting. Motion was seconded but defeated, as the member volunteers felt this should be a District function.
- I will send the Chairperson of the New Birth Group in Tomoka a letter explaining the reasoning of the vote and congratulate them on the progress made. It was the opinion of the Committee that the GSR already had this right.
- We are also preparing a list of volunteers, their District numbers and telephone numbers with circulation limited to those who signed on as a volunteer after we determine the counties that are served by them. Should anyone else wish to have their name included, please call me at my toll-free number (1-888-491-4974). Should you wish to have a workshop in your area, please call me to arrange a date, time and place.
- Need 1 contact from the following Districts to aid in "Bridging the Gap" for inmates: 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12A&B, 13, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.

Grapevine - Jackie C., Chair - 12 in attendance.
Theme of workshop: What's going on in your District?

Meeting opened at 11:45am with Serenity Prayer. Pam from Orange Park, District 3, reported that her group now has 10 subscriptions to the Grapevine. Jackie from New Freedom Group just got her group to get 2 subscriptions. District 7 has a display at their Intergroup office. One person puts his phone number on the back of old Grapevines to give to newcomers. District 28 has a Grapevine meeting the last week of the month. The meeting is going very well and has increased attendance; other people are now thinking about starting Grapevine meetings in the area. Suggested to give an old copy of the Grapevine along with a white chip.

District 17 suggested the Grapevine do a series on the 12 Concepts, as well as the series already being printed on the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. We need articles written on the 12 Concepts to submit to the Grapevine. Please, anyone with writing ability, a good knowledge of the Concepts and a willingness, please help out with this endeavor and let me know what is going on. The Grapevine Editor likes this idea, but without the articles, they can't print the series.

We discussed the importance of having Grapevine always be a part of District workshops. I am looking into getting a copy of a skit someone in another area has put together. Don't forget to check out Grapevine's wet site: www.aagrapevine.org. Subscriptions are up for North Florida!!! Keep up the good work, we are all doing our jobs!!! Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Intergroup – Tom D., Substitute.

Theme of workshop: Service

Following topics were discussed:

- Non approved literature
- Delegates approve non-AA literature
- Sponsorship to supply service workers
- Non-participation in cash donations
- Difference between District North Florida and Intergroups
- Internet

Literature - Pat P., Chair

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer and approximately 27 persons attended. The topic for discussion was what to do with the GSO literature we have on hand since Grapevine literature and GSO literature is now separate. A motion was made and seconded that the Big Book and the Service Manual would be available and would be sold at the Literature Workshop at the Assembly. It was then amended to read that all GSO literature is sold at the Assembly in the Grapevine room. This amendment was defeated. The original motion was then passed. A second motion was made that the rest of the literature is made available to Districts of the Assembly on request. It was then after much discussion moved to table this motion until such time as we had an inventory of this literature. Then it was moved to adjourn and we closed in the usual manner.

Public Information - Charlie T, Chair - About 20 in attendance.

Open with Serenity Prayer, started discussion about 1998 membership survey and how survey was taken. Will order more survey pamphlets to review results to see where P.I. may help to reach others. I reviewed the overall NFAA P.I. inventory and explained to group about checking out videos and tapes. Went over information from Eva Sanchez (New York GSO Public Information Chair) and AA website "hits". We then discussed issues of various Districts, dealing with deaf and working with accessibilities. I will be putting a questionnaire together to send to Districts to get status of P.I.'s in our area and see where we as NFAA can help Districts. Also went over keeping AA literature separate from others, making sure we as Public Information people not only distribute literature but educate the public officials on what we are and do. Finally, went over "starter" projects for new Public Information Committees including approaching 5 high schools or libraries or senior centers.

One new District was starting a Public Information committee. One new GSR in attendance. Seven videos checked out. Computer disk of Big Book transferred to another group for viewing.

Treatment Facilities - Fred W., Chair – 20 in attendance.

Marty K., Alternate Chair

Theme of Workshop: Carrying the message to adolescents – problems and issues

- We had a very lively discussion on perceptions by staff within adolescent programs. We discussed how to overcome denial and resistance.
- Dan E. presented a new policy shift in the Department of Corrections requiring two AA meeting per week be brought into all DOC treatment facilities.

Administrative Committees

Finance Committee – Tom H., Chair – 7 assigned DCM's and 5 visitors in attendance.

Opened with Serenity Prayer; reviewed schedule for meeting and that we now had 1-½ hours to meet.

- Tom G., Alternate Delegate, requested $300 for "area Inventory" study, passed unanimous (later withdrawn due to a change in method of study).
- Proposal from Cecilia R (Area Chair) to provide $1,000 from prudent reserve to create GSR orientation packets. After discussion the proposal was approved. It was also recommended to add 1)

The conference approved list of available literature, 2) The GSO pamphlet "The AA Group", 3) A Grapevine catalog, and 4) The 12 Concepts Illustrated.

- Next we heard the Treasurer report, modifications to report have been made, a change in the proposed budget is needed for the cost for the Area Chair to attend South Florida Area meeting in 2000, the Committee approved.
- The Secretary's recording equipment is in need of repair; the Committee approved the Secretary having the unit repaired under computer upgrade budget, line 9260.
- North Florida area office proposal was discussed. It was decided to recommend against an office and not fund it at this time. The motion carried. A minority report was that the concept will be needed at some time in the future and should be reconsidered at that time (all agreed).
- A discussion was begun (and will be ongoing) as to the "prudent reserve", 1) how much should it be (in months of operating budget), 2) what to do if we go over this level, 3) when would we want to go below this level, and 4) how to recover from a use of extra causing a drop below prudent levels.
- Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Growth - Tony S., Chair – only 7 members (out of 13) in attendance.

- Spent extra time discussing NFAA's past history, researching and preserving it; non-rotating versus rotating archivist and all its ramifications.
- Reported on information I had received from GSO, Trustees, current and past Delegates in reference to non-rotating archivist.
- No motions or recommendations came out of Growth at this time and we will continue to discuss this subject at the next Assembly and I urgently request that all Growth Committee members please attend our meeting at the January Assembly and remember we start at 10:00am.

Site and Agenda - Michael S., Chair, - 22 in attendance (100% of committee members).
Scott L., elected Alternate Chair.

- Noted green name tags for visitors.
- Permanent signs will be made for next Assembly, 8 ½ x 15 laminated.
- Five hotels were discussed for the Assemblies for 2001 and 2002.
  1. Daytona Beach and Conference Resort – have been here five years. They made a considerable jump in price.
  2. Holiday Inn, Ocala – best room rate, but very small ballroom
  3. Steinbrenner, Ocala – separate building for the ballroom, insufficient breakout rooms
  4. Holiday Inn West, Gainesville – ballroom small and they will charge for meeting rooms
  5. Sheraton Gainesville – best we saw, pictures and video shown. The only drawback is a change of Assembly dates when there is a University of Florida function or Gator football game.
- There was a lively discussion about the pros and cons of all five hotels. A motion was made to go to the Sheraton Gainesville for the years 2001 and 2002. This was seconded, a vote of 9 in favor, motion carried.
- There were two suggestions made and it was recommended that they both be taken to the Growth Committee:
  1. GSR's in Correction have someone stand in place of incarcerated GSR's.
  2. There be 3 Assemblies per year instead of 4.
- Thanked Districts 9, 10, 11, 18 for hosting this Assembly.
- Thanked Tom G. (Alternate Delegate) and Deborah H., Brett V. and Jim G. from Gainesville (District 14) for their hospitality.
- Our Host Districts for future are:

  January 7, 8 & 9, 2000 - Districts 6, 8 & 32
  April 7, 8 & 9, 2000 - District 14
  July 7, 8 & 9, 2000 – Districts 1, 3, 4, 30
  September 15-17, 2000 – Districts 13, 26, 28

Old Business

Chair announced that all votes will be 2/3 majority of eligible voters.

Tabled motion:

Motion that the Assembly make available 4 rooms for the quarterly Assemblies for GSR. This motion will continue to be **TABLED.** Chair sent to Site/Agenda and Growth committees.

Motion from Chair:

Motion to change Structures and Guidelines as follows: Page 6 second paragraph change "Secretary" to "Registrar" shall mail a notice of each Assembly to the Area Committee, DCMs and GSRs at least 30 days in advance of the Assembly.
Reason: The Registrar has the addresses of who receives minutes and with the bulk mail permit you are required to do a return address/correction once a year, these need to come back to the registrar. Also the job of typing, printing, stuffing the envelopes for mailing, then mailing the minutes has become too much work for one Officer to do, the dividing of these duties will alleviate some of the time involved to do this work.
No discussion, **PASSED** (2/3 majority met), no minority.

Motion from Chair:

Motion to change Structures and Guidelines as follows: Page 9 Titled REGISTRAR in paragraph entitled Duties: ADD: The Registrar shall be responsible for the bulk mailing permit and mailing of the mintues 30 days before the next Assembly.
No discussion, **PASSED** (2/3 majority met), no minority.

New Business

Chair announced that only voting members may come to the microphone, unless recognized by the Chair.

Motion from Finance Committee:
Motion to fund $1,000 for the GSR orientation packets to be made available at the 9am GSR orientation.
No discussion, **PASSED** (2/3 majority met), no minority.

Motion to accept the 2000 budget as printed in the minutes.
An **amendment** was made to add $300 to the budget for the Area Chair to provide for attendance at the South Florida Area Conference in 2000. Motion seconded.
Vote on **amendment**.
No discussion, **PASSED** (2/3 majority met), no minority.
Vote on **motion** to accept 2000 budget **with amendment**.
No discussion, **PASSED** (2/3 majority met), no minority.

Motion from Site and Agenda Committee:
Motion that NFAA adopt the bid of the Sheraton Gainesville to house the Area Assemblies in 2001 and 2002.
No discussion, **PASSED** (2/3 majority met), no minority.

Chair asked for any motions from the floor:

Motion from Tom H., Finance Committee:
Motion to liquidate the three old computers and old laptop which are no longer required for business of the North Florida Area Assembly.
Discussion: Nell asked about software. Tom H. stated all software is removed; we would be liquidating the hardware only.
No discussion, **PASSED** (2/3 majority met), no minority.

Motion from Pat P.
Motion to allow the Literature Committee to sell only the Big Book and Service Manual before, during and after the Literature Committee meeting.
Discussion: Kathy P. stated she would prefer to see Service Manual sold at registration desk.
Marcus B. stated it would take away from the function of the Literature Committee. Made a **motion**

(amendment) that all AAWS literature be sold by the Literature Committee in the Grapevine Room, seconded.
Discussion: Tony S. suggested the Chair of Literature Committee could make arrangements for the two items to be sold and table the amendment. This **motion and amendment were TABLED** with 2/3 majority. There was opposition. Minority opinion: Leroy stated that tabling this motion will postpone what has been discussed for over a year.
Jackie C. stated that the Host Districts sold Service Manuals. What should we do with Service Manuals? Chair stated that no provision for AAWS literature has passed.

Motion was made that Host Committee sell Service Manuals only at the registration table.
Discussion: Why don't GSR's have them already? How does the Committee system work? Kathy P. replied that the Administrative Committees are committees which bring motions, seconded, to the floor. Others are workshops and not structured like Administrative Committees. A question was asked as to who will purchase the Service Manuals to make them available for sale. The Chair replied that NFAA would make sure Service Manuals were available. It was suggested to donate to Corrections if no one wants them. The **Question was called. Question PASSED** with 2/3 majority. The **Motion PASSED** with 2/3 majority.

There was a request for large print Service Manuals. (You can order these one per person, F-99 is the number from GSO.)

Motion was made that 8 boxes of books be divided and given to Corrections facilities and those not appropriate for Correctional facilities to go Treatment facilities or institutions.
Discussion: The Committee decided to table this. What about inventory? Should we take this back to groups? What is appropriate for Corrections? Answer: Only soft cover literature. Shouldn't this go to Administrative Committee? How did we come by 8 boxes of literature? Answer: 6 years ago a large quantity of literature was purchased because of price increase. The reason the Literature Committee recommended the Service Manual and Big Book is those were the only two books people were purchasing. **Question was called. Question PASSED** with 2/3 majority. **Motion PASSED** with 2/3 majority; no minority opinion.

Chair asked for Sense of the assembly: Who would be in charge of disbursing this literature. It was suggested that the Chair appoint someone; suggestion that Correction Chair and Treatment Chair get together. It was decided that trusted servants would take care of this.

Chair discussed the agenda for the January Assembly (see Attachment C).

- Friday, January 7, regular meeting.
- Saturday, January 8, the DCM and GSR orientation will be held 9-10am. Administrative committees will meet 10-11:30am. All committees will meet 10am-12:45pm. Lunch from 12:45-1:30pm. From 1:30-4:30 there will be an area inventory. 4:45-6pm will be Officers/DCM and GSR meetings. Saturday night the delegate from South Florida will be the speaker.
- Sunday, January 9, regular business meeting.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, **PASSED**.

Officers Interim Meeting

Held on November 14, 1999 - Roll call was taken.

Officers Panel 49

Area Chair	X
Alternate Chair/Site	X
Delegate	O
Alt. Delegate	X
Registrar	O
Treasurer	X
Secretary	X

Standing Committees

Archives	X
Accessibilitites	X
CPC	X
Corrections	X
Grapevine	O
Intergroup	O
Literature (Alt)	X
Public Information	X
Treatment	X

Administrative

Growth		X
Finance		X
Site	See Alt Chair	

X-Present, O-Absent

Chairperson Cecilia R. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Chairperson Cecilia R. took Roll (above)

Accessibilities - Joe K. – Will discuss sight impaired at the January Assembly. There will be a service workshop on March 18, 2000.

Archives – Chip R. – Chip attended the Archives Workshop in Illinois and was given a wealth of information. Archives is working on getting together a workbook. In January, the workshop topic will include discussion of what direction does archives want to go.

CPC - Don L. – Don attended the EAP convention in Orlando. The convention was well attended and CPC disseminated a lot of information. Topics for January workshop include how to start a CPC committee in your district and how to contact professionals.

Corrections – Walter M. – He was requested to participate in the March 2000 workshop in Lake County. The DOC requirement that two meetings per week be held in each facility has been in effect for some time, but will now be enforced. Clarification was made that it was not necessarily 2 AA meetings required, but two 12 step recovery meetings and the facilities are to make all reasonable efforts to accomplish this.

Grapevine – Chairperson Cecilia R. reported that calendars will be on sale in January.

Literature – Leroy L, Alternate – Chair reported that sne sent an inventory of all present literature to all

DCMs and Treatment and Corrections Chairs with the request that they let her know what literature they need for their districts/committees. Literature will be disbursed at the January Assembly in accordance to the replies she receives.

Public Information - Charlie T. – Prepared questionnaires for DCMs and hopes to review in January. Has also been contacted about Service Workshop in March 2000.

Treatment - Fred W. – Had call from GSO – Richard Bush – with a literature request from a maximum security mental hospital. Richard is retiring will be moving to Florida and will visit the Assembly in January.

Chair - Cecilia R. – Asked Committee Chairpersons to set some goals for 2000. Suggested that they talk to anyone who is interested in service and tell them what is involved in working on their committees. This is one way to interest more people in serving on committees.

Alternate Delegate - Tom G. – Tom said this has been a great year and next year will be exciting. He will have the questions for the Area Inventory at the Officer's meeting at 9am on Saturday of the January Assembly.

Secretary - Corliss G. – Minutes will go to printers on Tuesday, November 16 and delivered to Jeff H. on Sunday, November 21. Microphones are in the process of being repaired and as soon as that has been accomplished, she will make sure the entire system is in working order.

Growth - Tony S. – Topics for January Assembly are:
- Non-rotating archivist
- Cluster forums
- Revisit changes to Structures and Guidelines only at July Assembly

Finance – Tom H. – Topics for January Assembly are:
- Prudent reserve
- Computer usage policy
- Computer disposal
- Postage for Secretary/Registrar – motion will be made to put in proper budget

Chair - Cecilia R. –
- Announced South Florida Are General Service Quarterly will be held January 21-23 in St. Petersburg.
- GSR orientation packets will be given out at the GSR orientation on Saturday morning. Copies will be made for these packets (100 copies of the following: Structures and Guidelines, Minutes, Treasurers Report).
- Requested all to be present at Officers meeting for discussion of Area Inventory. The Parliamentarian will be present and a timer has been appointed.
- Kathy P. will be giving a Delegate's report in the Orlando area in the near future.
- The By-Laws are outdated and should be re-addressed in 2000.
- New Service Manuals are being requested.

Chairperson Cecilia R. thanked all Officers/Chairs for attending and meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Delegates Corner

My first year as your delegate has just flown by. I hope you have all enjoyed wonderful sober holidays and that the New Year will be bright and beautiful for us all. This last quarter has been very busy. In October I was the guest at the South Florida Area Assembly. It was a wonderful weekend at the Don Shula Resort in Miami. I was asked to share in their Traditions Workshop with two Past Delegates and it

was a great experience. I attended a Current Practices meeting. Their Current Practices keeps up their Advisory Actions Booklet. It was very informative. I attended a Corrections Workshop, they had their regular meeting and then had a one hour presentation with a former inmate as the guest speaker. Their GSR meeting was very well attended. They did a presentation on the GSR portion of the Service Manual. I attended the Service Manual Workshop and they just recently voted to have the Concepts presented. It was an honor to hear a Panel 29 Past Delegate share on the first three concepts. The South Florida Area Delegate, Brenda S., will be our guest for our January Assembly. Hope to see you all at the assembly.

Love in Service,

Kathy

Chair Comments:

I attended the South Florida Area Assembly business meeting the third weekend in October and sat with the 8 Past Delegates from that Area. Some of the agenda items discussed was whether or not to split the South Florida Area into two Areas, setting a permanent agenda, and adjusting the prudent reserve. The Districts are active and service is evident at all levels.

The accomplishments of the North Florida Area for 1999 were evident in the many workshops/seminars held by all committees, computer upgrades, site selection for 2001/2002, and Delegates report given throughout the Area. I thank all involved with the North Florida Area for their participation, service given and guidance this past year. Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year, see you next century.

Cecilia

NFACAA 4th Quarter/October 1999 Minutes

Assembly Attendance, Sunday, October 3, 1999

Officers

Area Chair	Cecilia Reid	X
Alternate Chair	Michael Scott	X
Delegate	Kathy Peek	X
Alternate Delegate	Tom Guest	X
Registrar	Jeff Harvell	X
Treasurer	Ginny Steele	X
Secretary	Corliss Gibbons	X
Parliamentarian	Chip Yant	X

Standing Committees

Accessibilities	Joe Knowles	X
Archives	Chip Rhyne	O
CPC	Don Lloyd	X
Corrections	Walter Mathews	X
Grapevine	Jackie Carco	X
Intergroup	Kirk Hall	O
Literature	Pat Proctor	X
Public Information	Charlie Thoman	X
Treatment	Fred Walker	X

Administrative

Growth	Tony Small	X
Finance	Tom Haber	X
Site/Agenda	See Alt Chair	

Total		17

District	DCM	Alt DCM	GSR's
1	X	O	7
3	O	X	5
4	O	X	1
5	X	X	3
6	X	O	2
7	X	O	7
8	O	X	3
9	X	X	8
10	X	O	8
11	O	O	2
12A	X	O	4
12B	O	O	0
13	O	O	1
14	X	X	11
15	X	X	5
16	O	X	2
17A	X	X	6
17B	X	X	2
18A	X	O	4
18B	X	X	4
19A	X	O	4
19B	O	O	6
20	X	X	6
21	X	O	3
22	O	O	0
23	X	X	3
24	X	O	3
25	X	X	3
26	X	O	0
27	O	O	0
28	X	O	2
29	X	O	1
30	O	X	1
31	X	O	6
32	X	X	7
Total	24	16	130
Total			187

NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
First Quarterly Assembly, January 9, 2000

Tables are for GSR's and DCM's only, visitors please use chairs on sides of room.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA, SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2000, 9:00 AM

Open
Reading of Anonymity statement
Reading of short form of concepts
Roll Call by Registrar
Secretary's report – motion to accept
Treasurer's report – motion to accept
Delegate's report
Alternate Delegate

Standing Committee Reports/Special Committees

Accessibilities
Archives
Cooperation with Professional Community
Corrections
Grapevine
Intergroup
Literature
Public Information
Treatment

Administrative Committees

Finance
Growth
Site and Agenda

Old Business

Tabled motion:
Motion that the Assembly make available 4 rooms for the quarterly Assemblies for GSRs.

New Business:

Anything proposed and passed through appropriate committees

Attachment C

Agenda Changed

NFACAA

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Area Inventory

Area Assembly Agenda

Host Districts:6, 8, 32

Time	*Meeting*	*Location*	*Chair*
Friday January 7, 2000			
5:00pm	Registration	Lobby	Host Committee
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Discussion Meeting	Service	Host Committee
Saturday January 8, 2000			
9:00am - 10:00am	GSR Orientation	Service	Host Committee
	DCM Orientation	Unity	Host Committee
	Officers Meeting	Experience	Cecilia R
10:00am - 10:45am	Finance Committee	Experience	Tom H
	Growth Committee	Unity	Tony S
	Site & Agenda Committee	Archives	Michael S
	Service Manual Workshop	Service	Dan E (Past Delegate)
	Traditions Workshop	Recovery	Host Committee
11:00am - 11:45am	Archives	Archives	Chip R
	Corrections	Unity	Walt M
	Intergroup	Recovery	Kirk H
	Literature	Service	Pat P
	Public Information	Unity	Charlie T
12:00pm - 12:45pm	Accessibilities	Unity	Joe K
	Coop w/Prof Comm	Experience	Don L
	Grapevine	Recovery	Jackie C
	Treatment	Service	Fred W
12:45pm - 1:30pm	Lunch		
1:30pm - 4:30pm	Area Inventory	All Rooms	Cecilia R
4:45pm - 6:00pm	GSR Workshop	Service	Michael S
	Officer/DCM Meeting	Unity	Cecilia R
6:00pm - 8:30pm	Dinner		
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Speaker Meeting	All Rooms	Brenda S, S FL Delegate
Sunday January 9, 2000			
9:00am - 12:00pm	Business Meeting**	All Rooms	Cecilia R

** If an ASL intrepter is needed, please request your DCM contact the Site & Agenda Cmte Chair. Thank you.

AREA 14 NORTH FLORIDA INVENTORY
PROPOSED QUESTIONS
PLEASE ADD OR DELETE FROM THESE FOR THE AREA INVENTORY

1. What is the basic purpose of the Area, Area Committee and Area Assembly? Are we fulfilling these purposes?
2. Is the area meeting the requirements of it's primary purpose and if not identify some of it's shortcomings?
3. What more can the area do to carry the message.
4. Do the GSR's feel a part of and is there anything the area can do to create more interest and enthusiasm?
5. Is area service attracting only a certain kind of alcoholic, or are we getting a good cross section of members in our area into service?
6. Considering the number of groups in our area are we reaching enough and solving the district problems?
7. Are groups supporting our area by representation at the assemblies? If not what can be done to improve this?
8. Are groups supporting our area financially?
9. Are DCM's getting out to all groups to keep them informed and encourage participation or do some of our districts have to large a number of groups?
10. What can be done to improve area meetings and workshops to make them more interesting and informative?
11. Does turnover in service positions seem excessive or do new members stick with us?
12. Is adequate opportunity given to all members to speak and participate in committee activities and to be the actual voice and effective conscience of our whole area?
13. Has enough effort been made to explain to all members the need of service work?
14. How effective is our communication and how can it be improved?
15. Do we practice rotation so that new trusted servants are given the opportunity to serve in all capacities?
16. Are all important decisions reached by discussion, vote and whenever possible by substantial unanimity?
17. How do we treat the "right of appeal" thus assuring that minority opinion will be heard and petitions for redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered?
18. How well are we using contributions to provide services to the groups, the fellowship and the still suffering alcoholic?

Please have your district pick out what they feel are the top 10 questions on this inventory that may affect the NFA. Return your findings to the Alt. Delegate at your earliest convenience but no later than the end of November. This will give me time to compile the results and we can go over these questions and get input on solutions at the Jan. 2000 assembly.If you feel there are other troublesome things please include them in your response.

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Note: Make checks payable to: NFACAA.
Include group name, District # and group service number issued from GSO

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